

DAVID R. CAWLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
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2017 NEW HAMPSHIRE MIDDLE SCHOOL OF THE YEAR



March 2020

Kiwanis Educator of the Year

Health teacher, Marie Deane was selected as the 2019 Middle School Kiwanis Hooksett Educator of the Year. Marie is a talented professional who driven to ensure that students achieve academically, socially and emotionally. Marie has done a commendable job developing and implementing a comprehensive health education program that promotes healthy lifestyles. Marie is the girl's lacrosse coach, field hockey coach and Student Wellness/Fitness Coordinator. She has worked diligently to create partnerships with the Hooksett Fire Department, PTA and other community organizations to enhance student learning. Congratulations Mrs. Deane!

Middle School Month

The coming of spring brings with it the celebration of adolescents. March is National Middle School Month. Ten to fifteen-year old students do make a difference in their families, schools and communities. As a result of this, Cawley designates one special month to celebrate middle school students and who they are and what they have accomplished. At Cawley, there are a variety of activities throughout the month that include dress up days, trivia questions and a culminating spirit rally and dance which is scheduled for **March 20, from 2:30 pm – 5:15 pm**. Each week will have particular focus on a theme. Week 1 – Courage Week, Week 2 – Foreign Language Week, Week 3 – March Madness Week.

Middle School Month is kicked off with a school-wide dodge ball tournament on March 6, where students contribute \$1.00 each to play for their team. The money collected will be donated to a local Hooksett charity.

National Foreign Language Week will be observed March 9 - March 13. In recognition of National Foreign Language Week, the pledge will be recited in English as well as four different foreign languages.

On March 13, the Builders Club has organized a Student/Faculty Basketball game.

GRIT

The GRIT Cawley Girls took a fieldtrip to Cisco, in Boxboro, Massachusetts in February. While there, they heard from Cisco employees and learned a lot about cyber security. They heard from cyber security experts and professionals about how to protect yourself against the threats that exist every day, internet scams, frauds and social media safety. Through teaching these young girls about these every day valuable lessons and situations it is the goal to empower them to educate their peers and family members and spread awareness. The discussions were

interactive and done on video where they were able to see another school in Richmond, VA that is also participating in the GRIT program. Together through leveraging the collaboration tools, these young girls will be able to learn what other schools are doing in different parts of

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the country. The day wrapped up with a fun game of Kahoot where all the girls were able to test their knowledge of the content learned. The GRIT coordinator, Kaitlin Santosuosso is in the process of planning the March outing.

National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society raised \$800.00 for the annual pancake breakfast. The money raised will go to Becky's Gift which supports horses in need. Thank you to Laura Duchesne for once again preparing and cooking the food.

CMS Mock Primary Election

During the week of February 3, 7th and 8th grade students completed a mini-unit focusing on citizenship and civic engagement. Students completed a political party profile assessment, decided what issues are important to them, and then researched candidates based on their platforms. Students in all social studies classes at Cawley then participated in a mock Primary Election on February 10. The results were very much in line with how NH voters voted as Donald Trump won the Republican Presidential Primary and Bernie Sanders won the Democratic Presidential Primary.

Builders Club

The Builders Club has been working on coordinating the Student/Faculty Basketball Game which will take place on Friday, March 13. Builders Club members also attended the Kiwanis Dinner meeting to update the members on activities at Cawley Middle School.

Athletics

In the girls first season in Division 2 the girls posted a 13-3 league record and a 16-6 overall record, which was the second most wins a Cawley girls team has had in over 10 years. The girls dominated Fairgrounds in the quarterfinals with a 54-18 win, but fell in the semi-finals to a tough Pelham team who ended up winning the title.

The boys basketball team had an amazing season going undefeated in the regular season in Division 2. The boys lost in the championship game and finished runner up.

The cheerleading team has competed in several competitions this winter. Their best finish was 2nd place in Cheer Madness.

Spring sports offered are baseball, softball, boys and girls track & field, boys & girls lacrosse and golf. Tryout dates and information will be posted on <https://sites.google.com/sau15.net/gmiddleton/home> as well as the after school sports bulletin board the first week of March.

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Spring Sports Tryout Information:

BASEBALL: Coach: Mr. Bouchard: Tryouts begin Monday, March 23 -- time/location TBD. All athletes trying out for baseball will need to show up day one with athletic handbook filled out, a change of clothes, water bottle, sneakers, cleats and glove.

GIRLS SOFTBALL: Coach: Ms. Sarette/Mrs. Schaeffer:

Tryouts begin Monday, March 23 --time/location TBD. All athletes trying out for softball will need to show up day one with athletic handbook filled out, a change of clothes, water bottle, sneakers, cleats and glove.

BOYS LACROSSE: Coach: Mr. Behling:

Tryouts begin Monday, March 23 -- time/location TBD. Boys should have athletic handbook filled out, a change of clothing, helmet, gloves, arm pads, shoulder pads, mouth guard, water bottle, cup, stick, cleats & sneakers.

GIRLS LACROSSE: Coach: Mrs. Deane:

Tryouts begin Monday, March 23 -- time/location TBD. Girls should have athletic handbook filled out, cage/goggles, mouth guard, water bottle, stick, cleats & sneakers.

TRACK & FIELD BOYS & GIRLS: Coaches: Mr. Middleton, Time/location TBD. Athletes should have athletic handbook filled out, a change of clothing, running shoes and a water bottle. Students will start trying out for events day one.

GOLF BOYS & GIRLS: Date/Time/Location TBD: See Ms. Gallivan in Room 110 with any questions.

Performing Arts

March is a very busy month for the Performing Arts Department. On Saturday March 14, the chorus and band will be participating in the New Hampshire Music Educators Association Large Group Festival. Students will observe other local middle school performances, perform three prepared pieces and sight read. This will all be performed in front of adjudicators who will judge the students' performances as ensembles, give them a grade and provide valuable feedback

that they can apply to performances in the future. The students have been preparing for this performance for months are excited to show off their hard work. Rehearsals for Disney's High School Musical Jr. are well underway and students have been working on singing in harmony with proper technique, physical acting through blocking and character work and adding movement to music through choreography rehearsals. Regardless of their experience levels in music and/or drama, the growth in their confidence and performing abilities is incredible. The performances are on April 2 and 3.

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Upcoming Key Dates to Note at Cawley:

March 9 – 13: 3rd Quarter Progress Checks
March 10: No School, Voting Day, Teacher Workshop
March 16: Trimester 2 Ends
March 17: Trimester 3 Begins
March 20: Student Council Dance, 2:30 pm – 5:15 pm
March 23: Report Cards Distributed

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew Benson".

Matthew Benson, Principal

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